

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10, and 11 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 3-7, and 10 are sought to be amended. Claim 2 is sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 10 and 11 are allowed, and that claims 2-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Drawings

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification, requiring Applicant to furnish a drawing. Accordingly, new drawing FIG. 1 is submitted herewith, illustrating features that were described in the specification as filed. No new matter is presented by new FIG. 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In the Specification

The Substitute Specification submitted herewith includes the following changes:

Paragraph numbering and section headings have been added.

New paragraph [0017] has been added to introduce new drawing FIG. 1.

Paragraphs [0006], [0007], [0013], [0014], [0015], [0018], [0019], and [0022], have been amended to include reference numbers to FIG. 1.

Paragraph [0016] has been amended to read, "to instruct the automatic pilot and the like to operate (W) according to preset security content." Support for this change is found in the corresponding paragraph of the English translation of the corresponding PCT application PCT/CN02/00661, the benefit of which is claimed by the present the application.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bird *et al.*, (US Patent No. 6,675,095). The Examiner noted, however, "that the priority has not been perfected back to 9/17/01. If this is done this reference would be antedated."

Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith translations of the benefit document (PCT/CN02/00661), and the priority document (China 01142182.7), along with verified statements of accuracy.

Certified copies of the benefit document and the priority document have been requested, and will be provided as soon as they are received by Applicant's representative.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the features recited in claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is thus believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker *et al.*, (US Patent Application No. 2003/0014165), in view of GB 23335002A.

As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the features recited in claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is thus believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 9 depends from claim 1 and is thus also believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Objections to Claims 2-8

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2-8 "as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

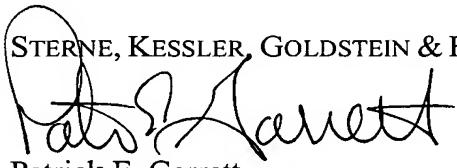
As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the features recited in claim'2. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 3-7 have been amended to depend from claim 1 (amended claim 7 is multiply dependent from claims 1 and 4). Claim 8 depends from claim 7. Claims 3-8 are thus believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Please add the accompanying new drawing sheet, showing FIG. 1.